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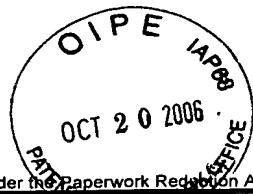
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) Small Entity Fee (\$)
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Multiple dependent claims Fee (\$)

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PATENT

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Patent No. : US 6,937,688 B2
5 Issue date : 8/30/2005
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10 Examiner : Rubin Margaret R
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Docket No. : VIAP0062USA
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15 Title: STATE MACHINE, COUNTER AND RELATED METHOD FOR GATING
REDUNDANT TRIGGERING CLOCKS ACCORDING TO INITIAL
STATE

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Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, patentee noted the foreign priority number should be corrected (see Attachment 1, the front page of letters patent). The prosecution procedure described below indicates this as an Office mistake of consequence. As the agent of record, I hereby request that a Certificate of Correction be issued under 37 CFR 1.322 to correct the foreign priority number from "TW 091173385" to "TW 091117385".

The examiner pointed out in the Office action dated 03/04/2004 that the filing number of the priority document submitted did not match the priority number cited in applicant's declaration. Actually, the filing number on the front page of priority document (Attachment 2) and the priority number cited in applicant's declaration 5 (Attachment 3) were exactly the same. So in the response to Office action submitted on 05/26/2004, the applicant explained the pertinent fact and requested notification at the earliest possible convenience so that appropriate action could be taken. However, no further Office communication mentioned about priority problem. Then the Notice of Allowance dated 04/27/2005 was received. It was construed that the examiner had 10 no objection against priority problem. The foreign priority number claimed by the applicant of above-identified patent should be TW 091117385.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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(12) United States Patent
Chen et al.

(54) STATE MACHINE, COUNTER AND RELATED METHOD FOR GATING REDUNDANT TRIGGERING CLOCKS ACCORDING TO INITIAL STATE

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(58) **Field of Search** 377/116, 104,
377/28, 33, 40, 34; 327/291, 295

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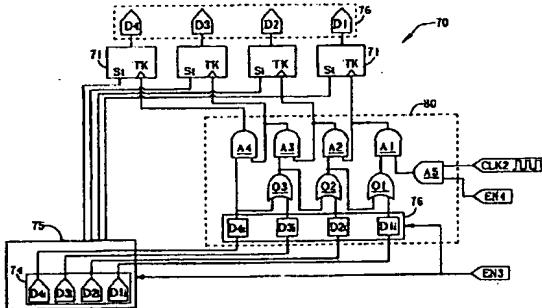
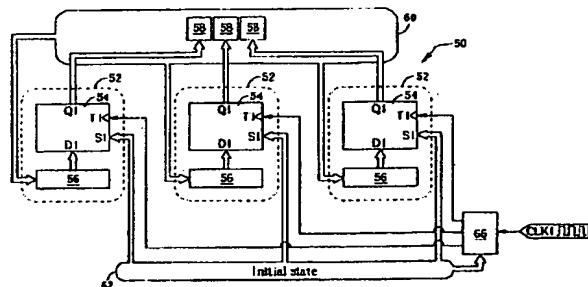
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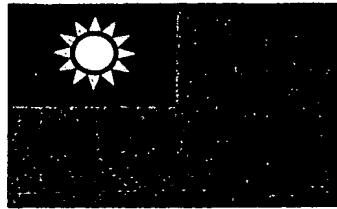
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(57) ABSTRACT

A state machine, a counter, and related method for gating redundant triggering clocks according to the initial states is provided. The state machine includes a plurality of state units and a clock gating circuit. Each of the state unit is triggered by a clock to generate a corresponding varying state, and the clock gating circuit is capable of selectively withholding a triggering clock to at least one state unit according only to an initial state, such that the selected state unit(s) will not be triggered by the triggering clock while the rest of the state units are triggered by the triggering clock to update their corresponding states.

10 Claims, 8 Drawing Sheets





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Application Date

申請案號：091117385
Application No.

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Attachment 3

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the sole (if only one name appears below), or a joint (if more than one name appears), original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

“STATE MACHINE, COUNTER AND RELATED METHOD FOR GATING REDUNDANT TRIGGERING CLOCKS ACCORDING TO INITIAL STATE”

The specification for the above entitled invention is filed herewith.

The specification for the above entitled invention was filed previously with application serial number: _____ Filing Date: _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a). I further acknowledge the duty in any continuation-in-part application to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application, as defined in 1.56, which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

PRIORITY CLAIM

There is no claim of priority.

Claim of priority is based on the following:
Filing Date in Taiwan, R.O.C.: 2002/08/01
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